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UNOPA Notes

Set the Example

Special points of interest:

- Summer Social
- Central Area to Host 2010 National Conference
- UNOPA Charities
- National Conference in Bloomington Minnesota

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Message from Our President

Set the Example! That is my theme for this year and I hope if you are not already on board, you will be compelled to become an active member, to have your concerns heard, to share in our learning experiences, and above all be proud to be a member of UNOPA.

I was able to participate in the National Association of Educational Office Professionals conference held in Bloomington, Minnesota, July 20 – 24, 2009. What an exciting week! The sessions that I attended were fantastic, including the presenters. Many of you may not know that I have problems keeping awake during meetings, in fact many of my co-workers will attest to that statement. But I

was like another person sitting at the edge of my chair trying to absorb everything being presented.

In addition to the five general sessions that I attended Wednesday through Friday, I was also able to attend institute classes and a session on Monday and Tuesday. The keynote speaker for the fifth general session was Lieutenant Wyatt Bienfang. He is a School Resource Officer at Glencoe-Silver Lake School District, who wears many hats: family man, policeman, educator, coach, and a cancer survivor. His presentation helped me to confirm my choice for the 50/50 recipient. I hope you are able to attend our first general business meeting in September to hear more during my announcement

—Peg Johnson, President



Mary Guest and Peg Johnson
May Installation Luncheon

UNOPA Tours Quilt Center at Summer Social

The UNOPA Summer Social was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Members were treated to a tour of the International Quilt Studies & Museum. The quilts on display were truly a work of art. The exhibits we saw were the “Quilt Japan: Selections from the 9th Quilt Nihon Exhibition” and “American Quilts in Modern Age, 1870-1940” The color, design and creativity that went into mak-

ing the quilts in the “Quilt Japan” exhibit were artistically outstanding. The “American Quilts in the Modern Age, 1870-1940” [this is the modern age??] had several different styles of quilts – pieced block, crazy style and one-of-a-kind from different decades. It was interesting to hear about the fabric and the different ways they were stitched – hand and machine.



The tour was very fascinating, learning about the background of the quilts displayed.

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UNOPA Mission Statement: Education is the birthright of every person. We, as members of the University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association, pledge ourselves to safeguard that right. We acknowledge the unique role of educational office professionals and the importance of their contributions to the university and the community. The purpose of UNOPA is to provide professional growth and promote high professional standards for educational office professionals with the University of Nebraska, as partners, upholding the quality of service to the university educational systems and community.

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Next on the agenda was the Social Hour at Burr Hall Dirt Room on East Campus where we were served water [greatly needed as it was very HOT] and appetizers of cheese, crackers, fruit and veggies with dip. A few members shared their projects which included quilt, counted cross stitch, and assorted craft projects. Nice job.

Cindy Knight, reporting



What is 50/50 — Where does it go???

What do the National Association Educational Office Professional Meeting, the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association Meeting, The Central Area Meetings, and the UNOPA General Meeting all have in common besides the obvious? The 50/50 fund raising. This fund raising is where the pot is split two different ways. You buy a ticket and have a chance to win 50% of the amount collected. Each ticket costs \$1.00 or you can get a bargain, for \$5.00 you get six tickets. In September 1989 UNOPA established the 50/50 fund. That year Shirley Horstman was UNOPA's Treasurer and Jan Harris was the President. In the first year 50% of the fund went into the Treasury for operating.

In 1996-97 under President

Michele Strickler the board voted to have the fund given to a charity. That first year the board choose the charity, the Emergency Loan Fund. Since that time we have given to numerous charities. In 1997 it was decided that the President would pick the charity as her project for the year.

Here is a list of the Presidents, the year, and the charity given to.

1997-1998	Marcia Rowley	Food bank
1998-1999	Lola Young	Camp Kataki and the PSP Fund
1999-2000	Diane Wasser	Cedar's Home for Children
2000-2001	Edie Schleiger	Freindship Home
2001-2002	Pat Hust	Lincoln Literary Council
2002-2003	Chris Cary	Lincoln Medical Education Foundation (LMEF)
2003-2004	Carol Bom	Chancellor's Impact Fund
2004-2005	Sandy Watmore	Spinoza Bears
2005-2006	Becky Hastings	Camp CoHoLo (Courage, Hope, Love)
2006-2007	Donelle Moormeier	Centre Point
2007-2008	Gretchen Walker	Habitat for Humanity and City Impact Fund
2008-2009	Mary Guest	Veterans Memorial Gardens

So as you can see, not only do you have a chance to win but also donate to a good cause.



Floyd S. Oldt Awards Combined

Do you have a wonderful boss? Or know an outstanding employee??

If so, nominate him/her for one of the following UNOPA Floyd S. Oldt awards:

Boss of the Year
Outstanding Staff
Silver Pen

The awards will be presented at the UNOPA awards luncheon on Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

The deadline for nominations is October 16, 2009.

For more information and directions for submitting a nomination go to the UNOPA website

<<http://unopa.unl.edu/awards.htm>>.

Contact Gretchen Walker, UNOPA Awards Director, 472-0602 or email gwalker1@unl.edu

Gretchen Walker, Director



Nebraska State Doll competition



National Conference Highlights

Fourteen members of UNOPA

attended the National Association of Educational Office Professionals Annual Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota from July 20-24th. The theme for the conference was "Explore the Facets of NAEOP."

This year the NAEOP celebrated its 75th Anniversary. The conference opened on Tuesday night with the traditional flag ceremony followed by the keynote address given

by Rick J. Kaufman, one of the first responders to the Columbine shootings. The conference ended with a keynote address by Lieutenant Wyatt Bienfang, a police officer and a school teacher.

Awards are always a highlight of the conference and were given at a general session on Thursday afternoon.

Here are some results:

- UNOPA NOTES (Betty Jacobs, editor) received 3rd place in the Local Newsletter Category 2.
- UNOPA received 3rd

place in the Louise Henderson Nelson Award, Local Category, which is a 5-year historical award on events, service and recognition.

- Diane Wasser was elected to the PSP Committee.
- NEOPA received 3rd place in the State Division of the Louise Henderson Nelson Award.
- Nebraska also received 1st place in Membership increases.
- Nebraska received 3rd in the 75th State Anniversary Doll.

"Explore the Facets of NAEOP"



Rose Frolik turned 100 on June 27th. Sandy Lineberry escorts her to a UNOPA General Meeting.

Central Area to host National Conference in 2010

Nebraska is one of five Central Area states that will be hosting the 2010 NAEOP Annual Conference in Kansas City in July.

Mary Guest and Gretchen Walker are Nebraska Co-Chairs for our part in the conference.

Nebraska will be responsible for hosting the registration table on July 4, the hospitality room on July 5 with Kansas and the Professional Standards Banquet on July 7.

Mary and Gretchen are asking for help from all of the Nebraska Affiliates.

If you would be willing to help out, please contact Mary Guest (mguest2@unl.edu) or Gretchen Walker

(gwalker1@unl.edu).

This would be a great opportunity to attend a National Conference if you haven't done so.



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Save the Date!

2010 Central Area Professional
Development Day/NEOPA Spring
Conference

April 23-24, 2010
Holiday Inn Downtown
Lincoln, Nebraska

Co-Chairs: Gretchen Walker
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Upcoming Events

August:	24	Start Fall Semester Classes
	29	4th Annual PSP Luncheon
September:	2	Board meeting
	8	General Meeting — Speaker Tom Osborne
October:	1-2	NEOPA Fall Workshop (Omaha, NE)
	6	Board Meeting
	13	General Meeting — Speaker Terry Wagner
	16	Boss's Day
		Awards Deadline
November	3	Board Meeting
	10	General Meeting — Floyd S. Oldt Awards Luncheon
December	1	Board Meeting
	8	General Meeting — Holiday Luncheon
	24	Start Holiday Closedown

Note from Editor:

If you have an interesting article to share or if you would like to see articles of special interest in an upcoming issue of UNOPA Notes please e-mail it to me at dwasser1@unl.edu. This is your newsletter and it is important to put useful information into it. All suggestions and comments are welcome. *"I aim to please"*



Tony Fulton, Speaker

Saturday, August 29, 2009

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
84th & Pioneers
Lincoln, Nebraska

Advance Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased by contacting a PSP Committee member:

For more information contact:

Chair: Tricia Liedle — 472-8250 or 613-1188

Co-Chair: Lorraine Moon—472-6082

**Registration deadline is:
August 14, 2009**

This event is open to the public